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SUBJECT: SUGAR: GEPLACEA MEETING IN HAVANA FEBRUARY 28-MARCH; 4, 1977

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1. THE GROUP OF LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN SUGAR EXPORTING COUNTRIES (GEPLACEA) MEETS IN HAVANA, CU0A BETWEEN FEBRUARY 28 AND MARCH 4, 1977. VARIOUS SOURCES INDICATE THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WILL BE AN ATTEMPT TO FORMULATE A LATIN AMERICAN POSITION FOR THE FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT WHICH BEGIN APRIL 18, 1977. SUGAR OFFICIALS FROM MOST LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND.

2. SINCE WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF FORMULATING OUR OWN POSITION FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS, ANY INFORMATION WHICH EMOFFS COULD OBTAIN FROM HOST COUNTRY DELEGATES TO THE MEETING, PARTICULARLY AFTER THEY RETURN FROM HAVANA, WOULD BE MOST USEFUL.

3. SOME TOPICS ON WHICH NEGOTIATIONS ARE TO TAKE PLACE IN THE ISA ARE: QUOTAS AND HOW THEY ARE ALLOCATED AMONG EXPORTERS, PRICE RANGES, THE TREATMENT OF PREFERENTIAL

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SUGAR TRADING ARRANGEMENTS, THE RE-EXPORTING ROLE OF IMPORTERS, THE QUESTION OF QUOTA SHORTFALL REDISTRIBUTION, THE TYPES AND SIZES OF STOCKS TO BE HELD BY EXPORTERS, STOCK FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS, AND PROVISIONS FOR SMALLER EXPORTERS. THESE ARE ALL TOPICS WHICH THE U.S. WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS AT THE CONFERENCE.

4. ANY DOCUMENTS WHICH MAY BECOME AVAILABLE, SUCH AS A LIST OF DELEGATES, THE FINAL REPORT, GEPLACEA STATISTICS, OR ANY WORKING PAPERS WOULD PROVE USEFUL TO WASHINGTON END USERS.
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